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SUBJECT [REDACTED] AMB PROTEST TO FONOFF FOR ASSAULT ON EMBASSY EMPLOYEES

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1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT)

2. EARLY THIS MORNING (OCT 31) I CALLED FONOFF SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN TO EMPHASIZE OUR SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT VERBAL AND PHYSICAL ASSAULT ON THREE EMBASSY EMPLOYEES LAST NIGHT (OCT 30) IN PALERMO PARK, NEAR THIS EMBASSY.

3. FONOFF INFORMED ME FONMIN PASTOR WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE DUE TO HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH COSTA RICAN FONMIN, WHO IS IN TOWN. I LATER CONTACTED DEPUTY SECRETARY CAVANDOLI WHO RECEIVED ME AT 1600 HOURS TODAY. ON ARRIVAL AT CAVANDOLI'S OFFICE, I WAS ASKED IF I HAD ANY OBJECTION TO AMBASSADOR LUPIZ, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, JOINING. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, I PROCEEDED WITH THE SUBJECT. BOTH APPEARED TO BE AWARE OF THE SUBJECT UNDER DISCUSSION. BOTH EXPRESSED THEIR APOLOGIES AND ASSURED ME IT WAS A MOST DISTURBING INCIDENT. CAVANDOLI, WHO IS AN ACTIVE AF OFFICER, REPEATED A FULL INVESTIGATION WOULD BE MADE AND SWIFT JUSTICE DISPENSED.

4. I THEN READ THEM COPY OF OUR NOTE, WHICH I HAND-CARRIED.

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IT WAS APPARENT BOTH GENTLEMEN WERE DEEPLY EMBARRASSED AND THEY EXPRESSED HOPE THIS WOULDN'T EFFECT RELATIONS WITH

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USG. INQUIRY WAS MADE BY THEM ON THE STATUS OF JOSE MARIA QUEVADO, WHO IS CURRENTLY INTERNED IN A HOSPITAL. WHEN TOLD ASSAILANTS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF AF INTELLIGENCE UNIT, CAVANDOLI STATED THIS WDISGRACE TO MILITARY PERSONNEL. HE WAS QUITE FIRM IN HIS VIEWS THESE ACTS COULD NOT BE CONDONED AND THE BOOK WOULD BE THROWN AT THE CULPRITS.

5. COMMENTS: WHILE IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING THIS MESSAGE, [REDACTED] HAS CONFIRMED THE ASSAILANTS WERE MEMBERS OF AF INTELLIGENCE UNIT. [REDACTED] WAS ALSO TOLD ATTACKERS WOULD BE PROSECUTED TO FULLEST EXTENT OF LAW AND THEIR CONTACT APOLOGIZED FOR OCCURRENCE. AF OFFERED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH EMBASSY IN INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER. AF INVESTIGATORS HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED EMBASSY SY.

6. NEW SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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